Surface we came upon an old pick and shovel and some scattering bullets. We went a little lower, but, being short of provisions, left, intending to return again. The circumstances were such that we could not well get back at that time, and so we gave up the search. In all probabilitie we shall try it again. It may be that the treasure has been removed, but there is no doubt of the correctness of the chart, for we found every mark upon it to correspond exactly with the landmarks of the island."

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The most wonderful treasure Island in this part of the world, however, is Cocos Island, which lies in the Pacific Ocean south of Costa Rica and about two days' steam from Panama. A party of treasure hunters are there now, and a steamer of 5,000 tons which is fitted out for another party to hunt that treasure has just left Panama. Three cans of Winner Condensed Milk, 25c for 25c

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BOOTY OF THE BUCCANEERS

Gold of the Incos Stored Away. Sacred Lake of Guatanita Now Being Drained.

By Frank G. Carpenter.

panama. June 15.—There is a great chance here for the formation of a treasure-hunting syndicate to prospect the Isthmus of Panama, the mountains between here and Colombia, and some of the islands of the Pacific and the Caribbean Sea. This whole region was for generations the resort of pirates and buccaneers. Brigandage was common if the lays of the Spaniards, and robbery when the forty-niners from California rossed the Chagres with their loads of yold. All the gold and silver that Pizarro squeezed out of the Incas was brought to Panama and taken by horses and memoros to the Atlantic. That treasure alone was enormous. Silver was so common that the soldiers had their horses shod with it, and it was brought here by the shipload. One of the first expeditions to Peru resulted in the capture of Atahulapa, the Inca king. Pizarro offered to ransom him if the Indians would fill the prison room where PANAMA, June 15.-There is a great dians would fill the prison room where he was kept with gold. This prison was eventeen feet long, twenty feet wide and nine feet high. The gold was frought in and piled up until the whole was filled. It comprised as mass of gold plate torn from the Temple of the Sun at Cuzco, hundreds of drinking cups, dishes and gold busins, and beautiful gold vases wonderfully carved. There was so much of it that it took the Indian goldsmiths, working day and night, a whole month orking day and night, a whole month America, and even from Manila, to be taken across these mountains for ship-ment to the mother country.

Women's



Colonel Gordon Carter Having His Wounded Leg Dressed After the Explosion on Cocos Island.

one of the richest cities of the hemis-phere. He burned it to the ground, killed many of the inhabitants and held others ansom. He tortured them to dis-where their treasures were hidden, and when he went away he had 175 horses laden with jewels, silver and gold.

The Golden Lake of Guatavita. The Indians are said to have buried treasures in different parts of this re-gion. There is now an English synditreasures in different parts of this re-gion. There is now an English syndi-cate draining the lake of Guatavita, which lies on the top of a mountain in the neighboring State of Colombia. This said that they have for generations cast gold images into it as offerings to their These images range in value to many times that sum. I America, and even from Manlla, to be taken across these mountains for shipment to the mother country.

The Booty of Buccaneers.

Many of these expeditions were attacked by pirates. Buccaneers were common, and they hunted for treasure not only on sea, but also on land. The buccaneer Morgan marched across the Isthmus in 1871 and took Panama, which was then

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ed off. They have, I understand, made their tunnel a trifle too high to strike the bottom of the lake, and it will have have sent to England for more money fo

The Mona Island Millions.

I heard the story of a live treasure on my way to Panama. The captain of one of the ships which sail from New York to Colon is financially interested in it, and it is from his mouth that I have the story. The names, with the exception of the pirates, are changed, as the man who owns the secret is still living, and the several prominent Americans who have been liunting the hoard do not care for publicity. Said the captain:

form a company to seek the treasure and this we did."

"And how did you succeed?" I asked.

"We failed," replied the captain, "but I am sure the treasure is there yet, and we shall try again. There are five members in the company, and it is a close corporation. It is only a short time since we made our first expedition. We went to Manyaguez, Porto Rico, and there hired a small boat to take us over to Mona island which lies about 18 miles away in the Mona Strait. It is not difficult of access, and it has at times been occupied by Germans, who have been working there for guano. During the Spanish war they ahandoned their work, leaving their wharves and houses. Upon our landing we took the chart and soon found the localities named on it. We paced the distance to the place where the treasure should have been concealed.

not care for publicity, Said the captain;
"Our treasure lies somewhere in the Island of Mona, and we have a chart which ought to show that exact spot. It is composed of silver hid there by pirates. The silver is in round plates, and there is so much of it that it lightened the boat which carried it there three feet when it was taken out. Figuring on the size of the boat, I estimate that it must weigh at least 100 tons, or, in round numbers, just about 290,090 pounds, and all is pure silver.

'I first got wind of this treasure in Mexico City," continued the captain, "My information came from a friend whom I shall call Smith, and he had it by tradition from his great-speart-grandfather, who was chaplain of the New York city prison in 1720. While noting as such two pirates, a captain named Golden and a mate named Fruser, were in jail condemned to death. Chaplain Smith was the only man who was kind to them and each not knowing that the other was doing likewise, confided to him that the pirate crew to which they belonged had buried this treasure on the Island of Mona. They told similar stories of their captures, and how they had put their prisoners to death by making them walk the plank. On being chased by a manor war, they had taken their treasure to Mona and buried it there. The captain gave the chaplain a chart showing exactly where the treasure lay, It was near a tree within a certain pacing distance from some wells. A similar story was told by the mate. These stories and the chart were handed down from fainer to son, until they had reached my friend Smith. I urged him to Join with me and form a company to seek the treasure and this we did."

"And how did you succeed?" I asked, "We failed," replied the captain, "but we did."

steam from Panama. A party of treasure hunters are there now, and a steamer of 5,000 tons which is fitted out for another party to hunt that treasure has just left Panama.

In the first place, let me tell you something of the treasure. It is said to be worth fifty to one hundred million dollars, and it is made up of silver, gold and jewels. Among the objects buried is a life-sized statue of the holy virgin made of solid gold, and smaller golden statues of several saints. These were carried to the island in 1720, at the time of a revolution in Peru, when the citizens of Callao fied there with their plate, buillion and valuables. They were in danger of their lives, and they chartered a little Newfoundland vessel named the Mary Dear, which was lying at the wharf. The officers were not told where they were going. They were charded by a Peruvian man-of-war, but escaped, and finally landed at Cocco Island, where eleven beatlonds of treasure were taken ashore and buried. The vessel then started back to Peru, but was met by one of the Peruvian men-of-war and bombarded. The result was that every person on board was killed, with the exception of two men named Keating and Thompson.

I do not know what because of Thompson, but Keating returned to Newfoundland and organized an expedition to go to Cocco Island and get the treasure. He landed there and took some away, but, coming back to Panama to get some tools for further execuvation, his vessel was wrecked and as a result he saved only \$7,650. This he carried with him to Newfoundland and again get up an expedition.

On his second journey, however, he and the core were agreeted at Panama and Newfoundland and again got up an expedition.

On his second journey, however, he and
his crow were arrested at Panama and
narrowly escaped execution. This discouraged him, and he went back to Newfoundland, and there he died, leaving his
charts and maps jo his daughter, a Mrs.
Young, who in 1893 was living in Boston.
In addition to this treasure left by the
Peruvian revolutionists, there are pirate
heards, which were buried there by William Dampier, a buccaneer, who ravaged
these seas in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Dampier blockaded Panman in 1894, and the following year he
took a big treasure ship, which was comming north from Lima. He is said to have
stored vast amounts of silver on the Cocos Islands, and at one time to have taken
six boatloads there. Fifty Million Dollars.

across the ocean to meet her. The admiral's purty took the Royal Mani for
Jimalea and thence came to Colon. The
earl went to New York and New Orleans
and on to Panama, arriving just a little
after the Veconique anchored.
Leaving Panama on their ship, they
had a quick sail to Cocos Island, but
their ardor was dampened to find that
a man named Gsier had a concession
from Porto Rico, which gave him the exciusive right to dg for treasure there,
and that he would not let them land.
He was persuaded, however, by a goodly
sum or money offered by the carl, and
that he more easily when they told him
where they expected to dg. The landing
at Cocos Island 's difficult. The men,
including the white-bearded, gray-haired
Admiral Pallier and others, had to wade
through the water up to their necks in
reaching the shore, and they carried the
dynamite and tools on their heads.
Everything was landed at itsus, however,
and carried to the place which they had
marked on the chart, a short distance inland. The spot was at the foot of a boetling cliff, and in order to expedite matters they used dynamite, putting in a big
charge and then running away to avoid
the explosion. When the charge went
off it fore the earth to pleces, and all
rushed back to cast their eyes on the
treasure. While they were stooping over
and pulling the stones aside a great
mass of the cliff above, which had been
loosened by the shock, fell with a thundering crash to the ground, burying most
of the party. The earl was struck in
the head with a rock. Colonel Gordon
Carter, of the First Lifoguards, had his
foot badly crushed, and a number of file
men were seriously hurt.

The injuries, all told, were so great that
the earl and the admiral became thoroughly disgusted, and they asked nothing
else than to get away as quickly as possible. They went back upon board and
sailed straight for Panama. Here the
wounded were carried to Ancon Hospital
and there treated, while the earl and the
admiral and the rest of the noble party
crossed, post haste, to Colon

Fifty Million Dollars.

For generations these stories of Cocos Island have been told. Mrs. Young published a statement some years ago that her father estimated the value of the treasure buried there at \$50,00,000, and that her her papers would show the exact location of it. There are other charts in existence, which claim to show the burial places of the pirate boards, and these have caused a number of treasure hunting expeditions. A recent one, which is still going on, is that of the steam yacht Ros Marine, which left England last September and came around through the Strait of Magellan to the Island of Cocos. She has been at the ports of Costa Rica a great part of the year. She comes from Southampton and is sweed by Harold W. S. Gray, a member of the Royal St. George Yacht Club, of which the Prince of Wales is the commodore.

A Fortune-Hunting Earl. An even more important expedition to Cocos Island was that undertaken by Earl Fitzwilliam early this year. His ship, which has been lying at Panama during a great part of my stay, was recently sold to the Peruvian government.

cently sold to the Peruvian government for \$150,000. At naval crew has taken her to Callao, and she is now the faultos of the Peruvian navy.

Earl Filzwillam is amongst the richest of the English nobility. One of his ancestors, under Queen Elizabeth, was five times lord deputy of Ireland and the present earl is sald to own more than 100,000 acres there. He has an income of a million and a half dollars a year, which means about \$4.000 a day. He is a young man, and it was probably the love of adventure rather than the lust for gold that sent him treasure hunting in the waters above Panama Bay.

Admiral Palliser and Cocos Island Earl Filzwilliam was invested into his

Admiral Palliser and Cocos Island
Earl Fitzwilllam was invelsied into his
treasure hunting by Admiral Palliser. This
man is twice as old as the earl, but he
is a keen sportsman and an ardent chaser
not only of adventures, but the dollar.
The admiral was commander-in-chief of
the British fleet on the Pacific station
from 1596 to 1893. He has long known of
the wealth hidden on Cocos Island, and,
indeed, it is said here that he made several expeditions in search of it while he
was in the navy, and that at one time he
landed marines there and did some disging. At any rate, he laid his maps and
charts before the rich young earl, and the
earl supplied the money for what was
perhaps the most remarkable treasure
funting journey since the Argonauts
started out after the golden fleece.

The Adventures of the Veronique.

The first thing was to get a ship, and

The first thing was to get a ship, and they bought the vessel which has just been sold to Peru. Her name was the Veronique. She cost Fitzwilliam just 500,000, so that Peru gets her for half

Signor, so that Peru geis her for half price.

The Veronique was a steel steamer of about 5,000 tons, which had been used as a transport to carry troops of Sury Ardical Conson of Felsik, stray first-class passeon of the strain of the strain

An English (raveler writes, war began in Manchuria I came down the Liao River with a Russian expedition. We fought the chunchuses (Chinese robbers) every afternoon about tea time, but rarely inflicted any damage on them, because they hid in the crops. One evening we got desperate and pursued them through the kaoliang fields, with a complete lack of success, only to find on our return that the Chinese magistrate, who accompanied us, had collared twelve Chinamen supposed to be chunchuses and had them all tied to a pole by their pigtalis. It was the business of the Chinese authorities to deal with all captures, so these twelve men were practically condemned to die. In company with the missionary, who was interpreter for the expedition, I pressed for an inquiry. The result was that six of the ylctims were proved to belong to a theatrical company which was stranded in the neighboring village. They were instantly released. One of the others was subjected to a more rigid examination and died under the lash. Owing to this innoward incident, the rest were set free. But it was pure luck that the whole twelve were not behended." CASINO

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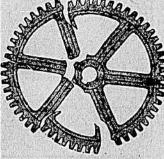
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